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SHIPYARD INDUSTRY ASSURED FOR ALEXANDRIA

Facts Concerning the Project Made Public at Mass Meeting of Citizens Last Night—Contracts Secured for \$20,000,000 Worth of Ships to be Built Here in New Shipyard—Will Mean Increase of \$5,000,000 per Annum to Payrolls in this City—Representative Carlin Makes Announcement of Great Interest to Alexandrians—Charles W. Morse, Noted Ship Builder, of New York, President Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, Head of New Plant, Among Prominent Men Present.

The formal announcement made by Representative Charles C. Carlin last night at the public meeting of citizens in the Opera House that Alexandria will soon have a new shipbuilding industry brought happiness to everyone in the large audience which filled the house. Mayor Thomas A. Fisher called the meeting to order and after announcing the reason for holding it, called Representative Carlin to the chair to preside. The members of the common council, Judge Louis C. Barley, M. B. Harlow, Mr. Charles W. Morse and Stuart G. Gibboney of New York city, and Mr. Colin H. Livingstone of Washington, occupied seats on the stage.

When Mr. Carlin arose to make the announcement which all were anxiously awaiting to hear, he was given rounds of cheers and it was some little time before he was permitted to proceed.

Mr. Carlin said substantially and in part as follows:

"My Fellow Citizens: I have but one object in view in asking you to come here tonight and that is that I felt it my duty to advise the people of Alexandria definitely and accurately concerning a matter about which there have been so many unauthorized statements. To give you the story first-hand, so that your property rights can be intelligently handled. Not until last Friday night at six o'clock was the contract signed, so that everything could really be said. Some four years ago I asked Congress to expend \$100,000 to deepen the channel of the Potomac river in front of this city. On examination it was found that certain conditions did not exist as we thought, and as a matter of fact Congress spent about \$180,000 in providing the present channel in front of Alexandria. In the making of the channel, what is known as the Agnew property was built up. Later the matter relating to certain riparian rights was taken into the courts and it is there yet; but we have the channel with a depth of about 35 feet.

"Some months ago, a man interested in the city asked that the government engineers examine the property fronting on the river, but it could not be done at once. I took the matter up. A company was found which said it would build ships here if the property was satisfactory, and as a result the company will build \$20,000,000 worth of ships here in this city. A corporation has been formed that will not ask Alexandria for a single dollar of money and will expend from \$1,500,000 to \$2,500,000 here, to start with. I am also glad to state that this shipyard will be a permanent operation. It is not designed or intended for temporary use. The expenditure necessary to establish it would not justify a temporary plant. Another thing. The United States Steamship Company has as its moving spirit and perhaps its directing head, one of the greatest ship building operators in the world—Mr. C. W. Morse—who is here with us tonight.

"And I want to say further, that no one person concerned is taking credit for bringing the plant here. There is credit enough for us all. But I want to name some gentlemen in Alexandria who have rendered valuable assistance, among whom are M. B. Harlow, Samuel G. Brent, Judge Barley and James R. Caton.

"This is only the beginning of ship building in Alexandria and only the beginning of the locating of other industries here. There is another thing coming which will mean much more to Alexandria than the ship building project, but I find that it cannot be referred to further tonight. I hope there will be no one to hold up the industrial procession. Mr. Morse has taken several options on property located in different parts of the city, but not for the purpose of making profit out of them, but for the purpose of helping the \$2,500,000 worth of ships to be built here.

A subscription for five dollars from Mrs. J. E. Glasgow for the Y. M. C. A. War fund is acknowledged today by the local committee.

S. A. Saffell, telegraph operator at Potomac railroad yards, was struck by a shifting train yesterday and painfully injured.

Mr. William Edward Dunn and Miss Harriet Pollard, were married last night in the M. E. Church South by Rev. E. V. Register. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn will reside in Wilmington, Delaware.

In the Corporation Court today a final decree was awarded in the case of Aurelia C. Ockershausen vs. Harry Ockershausen, granting a divorce to the plaintiff from the defendant upon the ground of desertion.

The regular meeting of the city council which was to have been held last night, was adjourned until tonight in order that the members might attend the public meeting of citizens at the Opera House. The council will meet at 7:30.

An electric car was derailed at the freight station at the foot of Royal street late yesterday afternoon. Trolleyman R. N. McKenney was slightly injured and a colored woman, a passenger, also sustained minor bruises.

Those interested in the organization of the new military company which is to be formed in this city, can call at the Armory on South Royal street this evening between the hours of seven and nine o'clock and learn any particulars concerning the company from Dr. T. B. Cochran.

Stuart G. Gibboney, General Counsel for the Company Makes Brief Address.

Mr. Carlin next introduced Mr. Stuart G. Gibboney, of New York city, general counsel of the American Shipbuilding Company. Mr. Gibboney is a native of Virginia, having been born in Wytheville, this state, and was one of the Democrats of New York state who first advocated the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for the Presidency. Mr. Gibboney said:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a pleasure for me to speak to you as fellow Virginians as I am a Virginian myself. Am glad to be associated with the men who are connected with this shipbuilding enterprise which we hope to soon see established here in your city. We have come here, largely through the influence of your congressman, and I want to say right here that no more patriotic service can be engaged in than the building of ships to carry our soldiers and supplies across the sea to do our part in putting an end to the German campaign of cruelty and barbarism. We want your cooperation and believe that you will give it." Mr. Gibboney paid a fine tribute to Mr. Charles W. Morse before closing his remarks.

Mr. Charles W. Morse Speaks.

Mr. Carlin then introduced Mr. Morse, whom he termed as the master ship builder of the world. As Mr. Morse arose to respond the audience burst forth in greeting and applause which continued for some time. When he was finally given an opportunity he said, very modestly and substantially as here given:

"Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I was invited to come here I said that I would rather build a ship than make a speech. About a month ago I received a telegram that I was wanted here on a very important matter and asking if I would come. As a result, we shall build twelve ships here. I can see no reason why our industry here should not be permanent and no reason why Alexandria should not be equally as good a place in which to build ships as any point on the Atlantic seaboard. My three sons will be here with you. I am sorry they could not be here tonight. We want you to feel that we are only the servants of the government. I believe that I can safely say that within the next fifty years the United States will control the commerce of the seas, which will

Oseola Tribe of Red men will confer degrees at the meeting to be held this evening, and an oyster supper will also be partaken of.

Captain and Mrs. H. C. Davenport and little daughter, Miriam, of Boston, Mass., are spending some time with Mrs. Davenport's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sparrow.

Mrs. Margaret Ann Gordon died last night at the residence of Mrs. George Hill, 617 South Washington street. The deceased was 75 years old. The body will be sent to Fairfax tomorrow for interment.

At the Lyceum Hall last night, the drawing for articles left from the Autumn Festival was held and resulted as follows: Victrola, went to A. S. Schroder, of the Machine Shop, Navy Yard; Hoosier cabinet to J. E. Brenner, 514 South Alfred street; cedar chest to Mrs. Nora Pettit, Gibson street; wrist watch to Mrs. James Power, King street; art vase to Mr. Jno. J. Hanratty, South Royal street; doll to D. Gwynn at H. Wildt and Sons.

The Christmas boxes to be sent from Alexandria to the soldiers and sailors by the Red Cross Refreshment committee will be packed on Saturday evening in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. All those desiring to have their gifts sent by the committee are requested to send them to the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Brawner Brothers' store or to Dr. T. B. Cochran's office at 722 King street, between now and Saturday evening. All contributions will be appreciated.

mean that it will control the commerce of the world."

In answer to questions asked him by Mr. Carlin, Mr. Morse stated that it would be necessary for his company to expend from a million and one-half to two million and one-half of dollars to build and equip the shipyard to be established in Alexandria.

Officers of the Alexandria Company.

The officers and directors of the American Shipbuilding Corporation, the subsidiary company of the United States Shipbuilding Company, which will operate the shipyard in Alexandria, are as follows, the charter having been filed in the corporation clerk's office in this city on Monday of this week:

The officers are: Colin H. Livingstone, of Washington, president; B. W. Morse, of New York, vice-president; B. G. Higley, of New York, vice-president and secretary; H. F. Morse, of New York, treasurer.

There are 12 directors: Davis Elkins, Washington; Wm. Guggenheim, New York; Robert Jackson, Concord, N. H.; B. G. Higley, New York; Geo. W. Loft, New York; Colin H. Livingstone, Washington; C. W. Morse, New York; B. W. Morse, New York; E. A. Morse, New York; T. A. Shoreham, New York; R. Lancaster Williams, Baltimore.

The minimum capital of the company is given as \$1,000,000, and the maximum \$10,000,000.

LIFELESS HANDS GUIDE AUTO.

Machine With Dead Man at Wheel Finally Hits Another.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Lifeless hands guided an automobile through crowded LaSalle street at noon yesterday until a collision with another automobile, at Jackson Boulevard, disclosed that the man at the wheel was dead. J. W. Cregar, 574 Irving Park Boulevard, had died of heart disease while driving his car, but it is not known how long he had been dead before the collision. He ran into an automobile being driven by J. F. Bowen, of No. 1408 West Harrison street, and both cars were damaged.

Traffic Policeman Michael Carey narrowly escaped being run down by the car containing the dead man. He was carrying a messenger boy, who had collapsed from the cold, into the Western Union Building, when Cregar's car brushed past him, the wheel barely missing his foot.

Cregar was connected with the Niles Belmont Pond Company, No. 573 Washington boulevard, and was 55 years old.

The funeral of Mrs. Mollie Studds took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from her late home in Del Ray, Rev. Dr. S. A. Wallis of the Theological Seminary officiated. Burial was in Bethel cemetery.

An entertainment for the benefit of the Children's Home will be given Monday evening next in the Elks' auditorium, in which Misses Isabel Storns, Geraldine Harvey, Emma Roach and Selma Christmond of Washington will take part in the "National Dance."

The question of coal is still a serious one in Alexandria. Those in a position to know say that it behooves all house owners to be especially careful of any supply they may have on hand. Only about seven carloads have been received within the past few days and the greater part of that has been given out. "Coalless days" may be the experience of some if the situation is not relieved soon.

Rev. Thomas Sommes last night in St. Paul's church preached a most interesting sermon on "The Coming of Christ," and also resumed his answers to the various religious questions which had been submitted to him. Tonight he will address the congregation on the "Duty of Christ," and expresses a great desire for a large congregation, especially of men. Tomorrow night he will resume his special request for prayer, and by request give an analysis upon "The Lord's Prayer," which is said by those who have heard him upon this subject to be a most interesting and instructive address.

CONGRESS AND THE WAR.

Sweeping Investigation of the War Department and Administration Started.

Congress is opening the lid on the war. In the course of a few hours yesterday the Capitol acted in such a way as to pry loose the covers in all directions.

Equipment, ordnance and supplies for the military forces; methods of the government in handling the food and fuel supplies of the nation are all to be looked into.

It is expected that in addition to starting the probes already launched, inquiries will be undertaken into matters relating to the financing of the war.

In subscribing to the investigations already provided for, Republicans in both branches of Congress let it be known that they have not abandoned the idea, which many of them support, of insisting on the creation of a Congressional committee that will have a supervisory outlook upon the administration.

A sweeping investigation of the War Department and the administration's conduct of the war will be started by the Senate Military Committee today.

Maj.-Gen. William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance, has been summoned to take the stand at 10 o'clock.

Secretary Baker and other high officials probably will be questioned, particular stress being laid on inquiries concerning shortages of equipment and clothing for the soldiers.

Gen. Crozier will be asked concerning defective fuses in the ammunition supplies to Gen. Pershing's force in France and the shortage of rifles at the cantonments.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday decided to make the inquiry. Senator Chamberlain, the chairman, and Senator Wadsworth, one of the influential Republican members said the investigation was undertaken in no hostile spirit.

Senator Chamberlain is very close to the administration. He took the selective draft and other administration bills through the Senate.

The investigation will be the direct result of unnumbered complaints of lack of clothing and ordnance. Fathers and mothers have complained that pneumonia epidemics in cantonments are largely due to the drafted men lacking warm clothing. Officers and privates will be summoned to testify.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bay and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES RETURNS TRUE BILL

Members Asked to Display Service Flags and Candles in Windows of Their Homes Christmas Eve.

A Red Cross Christmas eve is being planned by that organization for use by millions of its members throughout the United States. Every home and place of business there is wanted a Red Cross Service Flag during Christmas week. Each member is being urged to light a candle behind the flag promptly at 7:30 o'clock on Christmas eve, and to keep it lighted until 9 o'clock. All churches are asked to chime their bells at half-hour intervals between the same hours. Red Cross workers will be organized into groups and go singing Christmas carols through their neighborhoods.

Each Red Cross Service flag distributed will have instructions printed on the back encouraging the members to take part in the ceremony on Christmas eve by having a lighted candle in his window. Pastors will be asked to mention it in their sermons, and educational institutions will be asked for the privilege of explaining to the children the significance of the custom. It is expected that the desire of the community to participate in the Christmas eve ceremony will be an interesting incentive for the securing of new memberships.

Want 3,000 Members in Alexandria.

It is hoped that at least 3,000 persons will be members of the Red Cross in Alexandria by Christmas time, and a campaign with that object in view is now under way.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Members of City Council Transacted No Business Last Night, But Will Meet Tonight.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council was to have been held last night. Four Aldermen appeared and a quorum of the Common Council was on hand. Both boards, however, agreed to adjourn until tonight in order that the members could attend the mass meeting at the Opera House where Hon. C. C. Carlin and others explained in detail the plans of the New York Shipbuilding Company, which will during the next few months place one of the branches of their plant in Alexandria.

But few instances can be recalled of similar action upon the part of the City Council where they gathered in their respective chambers without transacting any business and adjourning for the purpose of attending a public meeting. But the proceedings in the Opera House last night overshadowed everything else, and everybody earnestly desired to be present. At the adjournment all felt that it was good for them to have been there.

SCHOOL DESTROYED.

Morgan College at Lynchburg Burned Monday Morning.

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 12.—Morgan college, a handsome structure of four stories for colored students situated in the suburbs, was totally destroyed Monday morning by a fire which started in the roof. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, partially covered by insurance. The school had been maintained twenty-six years and had a high standing among colored schools. It was known as the Virginia collegiate and industrial school of the Morgan college, with headquarters at Baltimore. The Lynchburg school was a preparatory school of the main college at Baltimore. The school was maintained by the Washington conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. The school was in charge of Professor L. M. McCoy, colored, of Little Rock, and well beloved by pupils. No one was injured and the students will be sent to their homes.

The Entire Social club of Washington wishes to announce that they will give regular Friday night dances in the Elks Auditorium, beginning Friday, December 14. Ladies free, gentlemen 50 cents. 256-37.

An oyster supper under the auspices of the Parents Teacher's Association will be given Thursday, December 13, 1917, from 5 to 9 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall. Tickets 50c. 255-37.

Trial of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain in Goodland County Set to Begin January 2.

The grand jury of Goodland county on Monday afternoon returned a true bill against Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain for the murder of his brother, Judge Albert Chamberlain.

Judge Rutherford announced that a special term of the court would be held beginning Wednesday, January 2, for the trial of the case. The prisoner was brought back to Richmond yesterday evening by Sheriff West Snyder, of Henrico, and lodged at Henrico jail, where he will be held until his trial.

The crime for which Dr. Chamberlain stands indicted is one of the most remarkable in the history of the state's criminal annals. The brothers had had trouble over business matters, resulting in litigation in which judgement was granted to the judge against the doctor. A day or two after the judge's disappearance from his home in Goodland neighbors called on the doctor for some information as to his whereabouts. The doctor declared that his brother had gone West to look after some mining interests and that he had just paid him \$12,000 in settlement of the claim which had been the subject of litigation. A telephone message showed that the judge had not taken the train at his usual station and the hunt was continued.

The search was diligently prosecuted while their suspicions thoroughly aroused, county officers and citizens detained the doctor. The remains of the judge, cut up in small pieces, and buried in post-holes under posts on the doctor's farm, were finally discovered.

The accused was immediately brought to Henrico jail for safe-keeping, and has been here ever since. Both men came to Virginia a few years ago from the West.

POLICE COURT NOTES.

Several Cases of Disorderly Conduct Disposed of This Morning.

Two young white men caused some excitement on Pitt street, near Prince, yesterday afternoon, when they attacked an acquaintance, and brutally assaulted him considerably. Sergeant Roberts appeared, while the "trill" was in progress and put the assailants under arrest. Each left \$10 collateral for their appearance this morning. They were on hand when the case was called, with Robinson, Alonzo as their counsel. They made no defense, and were fined \$20 each. A man who was charged with being a party to bringing, on the trouble, was fined \$5 for disorderly conduct.

James Baker and John Jackson, both colored, charged with disorderly conduct, were fined \$5 each.

John Bruns, a stranger, who had been taken in custody as a suspicious character, was detained until tomorrow for a further investigation.

A resident of the First ward, charged by his wife with non-support, had his case continued until tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock.

"Scandal" at the Richmond.

As the headstrong, wilful daughter of a wealthy New York family, Constance Talmadge scores an unequalled success in her new select production, "Scandal," which is a gripping screen version of Cosmo Hamilton's novel. The picture which will be shown at the Richmond Theatre tonight is filled with tense moments and reveals this newest star as an actress of unusual charm and ability.

"The Pulse of Life," featuring Wedgewood Nowell and Gypsy Harte in Rex Ingram's production of E. Magna Impetron's story of love and vengeance will be seen at the Surprise.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our relatives and friends for their kind sympathy and beautiful flowers in the hour of our sorrow and the loss of our dear mother.

By her children, Lawrence M. Dawkins, Fannie M. Dawkins. 255-29.

Anti-Freeze for Radiators.

A large shipment of Anti-Freeze just received. It is guaranteed to prevent freezing of radiators. Remachel Auto and Sales Co., 117 North Fairfax St. 255-37.